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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Air Force (1AF) proposes to place orders for procurement of Light Combat Aircraft Tejas from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited;

(b) if so, the details thereof!

(c) whether the IAF has evaluated the load capacity and other technical specifications of the aircraft; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): The Indian Air Force has placed an order in March 2006 for the procurement of 20 Tejas Light Combat Aircraft from HAL at a cost of Rs. 2701.70 Crores.

(c) & (d): IAF is in the process of evaluating the load capacity and other technical specifications of the aircraft through flight tests and the aircraft would be inducted in phases.